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MAN CONVICTED BY FEDERAL JURY OF COCAINE CHARGES

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, November 28, 2007, that after deliberating five hours, a jury of six men and six women found Guillermo Aguirre guilty of one count of conspiracy to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine and one count of distributing three kilograms of cocaine.

Aguirre, age 46, a citizen of Mexico, was tried before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline in Anchorage.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Stephan A. Collins, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented at trial established that Aguirre was charged with being a part of a conspiracy that distributed more than 20 kilograms of cocaine during a period of time that spanned two years. Other members of the same conspiracy were previously convicted of the same conspiracy and distribution of cocaine; they were Rudolfo Martinez, age 32, and Nancy Trejo-Acosta, age 23, and Raudel Cortez, age 37, all of whom are subject to deportation following their completion of sentence.

Judge Beistline scheduled sentencing for all of the defendants will occur in January and February, 2008. The law provides for a maximum sentence of life in prison, a fine of \$four million, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based on the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court continued the defendant's confinement.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Marshals Service, and the Anchorage Police Department conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Aguirre and the other defendants.

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